

### REMARKS

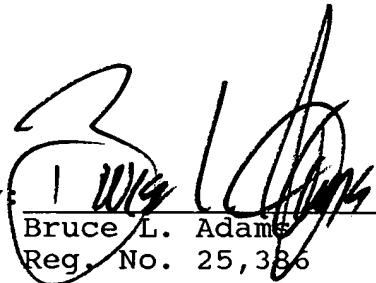
In the last Office Action, an election of species was required between Species I, claims 1-8 and 19, directed to the details of a first type of a photoelectric converter; Species II, claims 9-11, 20 and 21, directed to the details of a second type of a photoelectric converter and Species III, claims 12-18, directed to the details of a third type of a photoelectric converter. The Examiner indicated that the several species are patentably distinct, thereby making restriction proper.

In response to the election of species requirement, applicants have provisionally elected Species I drawn to the details of a first type of a photoelectric converter and list claims 1-8 and 19 as being readable on the elected species. As noted by the Examiner, should a generic or sub-generic claim be found allowable, the election of species requirement will be withdrawn as to claims that are drawn to a non-elected species and that either include the subject matter of, or depend on, the allowable generic or sub-generic claim.

Early and favorable action are respectfully  
requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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